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From what I understand, the current penalties against Microsoft should be a bit stricter, as they don't adequately compensate for prior misdeeds or prevent future ones. One 'penalty' that would be effective in the future would be a requirement for a stripped-down operating system, which would enable OEMs and end-users a much greater choice among the products available from all sources. This would only require a much simpler, published specification from Microsoft (based on NT/Win2000 technology for stability, since the system kernal by necessity would have to be kept separate from application memory).

This would not require Microsoft to open its proprietary vault, only its doors to the trading floor.

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